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DX Forum Lineup is Set!

The DX Forum at the 2026 Dayton Hamvention promises a compelling and thought-provoking lineup for amateur radio operators with a passion for DXing. Moderated by Brian Bathe, AD8FD, and sponsored by the SouthWest Ohio DX Association, the forum will showcase world-class DXpeditions, innovative operating techniques, and hard-earned lessons from challenging environments.

This year's DX Forum features three in-depth presentations that span the extremes of modern DXing, from the most remote islands on Earth to fully remote, solar-powered operations and real-world lessons learned when conditions do not go as planned.

3Y0K Bouvet Island: The Second Time Around

Presented by Dennis Ward, KT8X, and Bob Ronk, W9AP

Returning to Bouvet Island after the limited 3Y0J activation, the 3Y0K team set out to deliver the level of operation the DX community had hoped for. This presentation offers a behind-the-scenes look at the immense planning, logistics, weather challenges, and equipment hurdles involved in mounting a second activation of one of the rarest and most difficult DXCC entities.

Desecheo 2026 DXpedition:

The First All Solar Powered Unattended DXpedition in History

Presented by Otis Vicens, NP4G, and Ez Prado, HI3R

This groundbreaking presentation details the KP5 Desecheo operation, which brought the island back on the air using a fully remote, solar-powered platform. Operating unattended for more than 40 days and logging over 100,000 QSOs, the team relied on advanced power management, propagation planning, and multistream FT8 to maximize results while conserving energy. Attendees will gain insight into the technical, logistical, and personal challenges of running a world-class DXpedition remotely.

Failures and Lessons Learned from DXing in Adverse Conditions

Presented by Paul Ewing, N6PSE

Not every DXpedition follows the plan. Paul Ewing shares candid stories of operations impacted by weather, equipment failures, logistics breakdowns, and human factors. This session

focuses on what went wrong, what was learned, and how those experiences can help future DXpeditions better prepare for the unexpected.

The DX Forum will also feature a special prize drawing courtesy of **Icom America**, giving attendees the opportunity to win an **Icom IC-705**. Icom's continued support of the DX community helps make events like the Hamvention DX Forum possible, and their sponsorship is sincerely appreciated.

The DX Forum will be held **Saturday in Room 1 from 10:15 am to 1:20 pm** at the 2026 Dayton Hamvention. Whether you are an experienced DXpeditioner or an operator looking to expand your horizons, the DX Forum offers unique insights, real-world experiences, and valuable takeaways from some of the most challenging operations in amateur radio.

You may also consider attending the DX Dinner held at the Marriott Hotel at the University of Dayton Friday night. There will be a cash bar starting at 5:30 p.m., with dinner served at 7:00. The keynote speaker will be NA2AA, David Minster.

This is an excellent opportunity to meet new hams and to renew old acquaintances as well as to learn about past DXpeditions and those in the planning stages.

Tickets are going fast, so don't wait too long. Go now to <https://swodxaevents.org/dinner-tickets/> to secure a seat.